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Re: Manufacturers Railway Company - Discontinuance
Exemption - In St. Louis, MO., Docket No. AB-1075X

Dear Ms. Brown:

This will have reference to the above-captioned application presently before the Surface Transportation Board. United Transportation Union ("UTU") wishes to register its protest to this application. We submit that this Board does not have the authority under Section 10502(g) of the Interstate Commerce Act to exempt any rail carrier from the requirements of Section 10903 of the Interstate Commerce Act. Therefore, we respectfully submit that this Board must condition any such exemption by requiring the applicant to provide those conditions mandated by Section 10903 of the Interstate Commerce Act, in order to protect employees who may be affected by the proposed transaction.

Furthermore, UTU respectfully informs this Board that it intends to participate in whatever proceeding this Board may institute to consider the proposed request for exemption filed by the applicant herein. Please note that a copy of this letter has been served upon the applicant.

I would greatly appreciate your placing the undersigned, in addition to the following named individuals, on the mailing list to receive copies of Notices and/or Orders and copies of any pertinent material issued in connection with this application.

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erika A. Diehl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Erika" and last name "Diehl" clearly distinguishable.

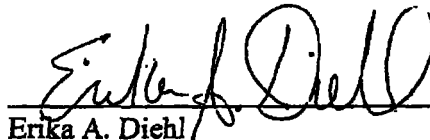
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cc: C. J. Miller, III, General Counsel

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing United Transportation Union's Protest Letter was served this 25th day of March, 2011, via first-class mail, postage pre-paid, upon the following:

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